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Applicant: Michael Lange et al.

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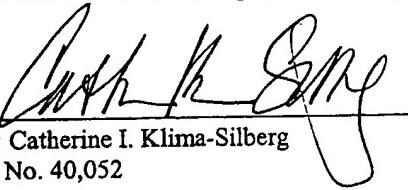
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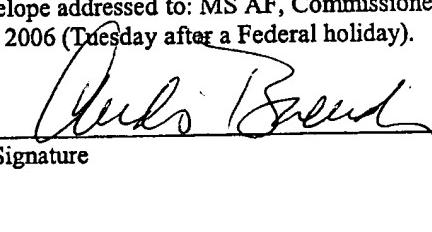
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Applicant has reviewed the Final Office Action dated July 7, 2006. Please amend the application as follows: